GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1479
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FENCING ON LINE OF CONTROL
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have finalised the plans for fencing the entire line of control with Pakistan;

(b) if so, the details in this regard;

(c) whether services of any foreign agency are likely to be utilised for the purpose; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO)

(a) & (b): A Group of Officers constituted by the Ministry of Defence in 1996 had examined measures to curb infiltration of terrorists and smuggling of arms, ammunition and explosives through the Jammu & Kashmir border. The Group came to the conclusion that in view of the rugged nature of the terrain, gaps due to rivers, nullahs and streams, fencing along the Line of Control was not feasible.

(c) & (d): Does not arise.